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The ABCs of the Cal Grant Program

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Who To Call?

Schools

888-294-0153

Students

888-224-7268

What is the Student Aid Commission?


Student Aid Commission Administers:

- The Cal Grant Programs – A, B & C
- The Specialized Programs
 - APLE, Byrd, LEPD, CDGP
 - Chafee Grant Program
 - Cal-SOAP Outreach Program
- Student Loans through EdFund



What is EDFUND?

An auxiliary corporation of the Student Aid Commission authorized by the California Education Code to perform:

- Guarantee services
 - Payment of default claims
 - Collection of defaulted loans
 - Loan training
 - Outreach and school support
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An abstract painting featuring a house with a dark roof and a white-trimmed gable. The background is a mix of purple and blue, suggesting a sky. In the foreground, there are green, yellow, and brown shapes representing a landscape. A large, dark red arrow-shaped banner is superimposed over the center of the image.

Cal Grant Institutional Eligibility

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Cal Grant Institutional Participation

- A California school can participate if:
 - It is a California public college and university.

Or,

- It is a school approved by the U.S. Department of Education, that also;
 - participates in the Pell Grant program, and;
 - participates in at least two of the three campus-based programs.

Or...





Cal Grant Institutional Participation

- It is a non-profit WASC accredited school, headquartered and operated in California, that;
 - Demonstrates the administrative capacity to administer the funds, and
 - Has at least 10% of the institution's operating budget expended for the purpose of institutionally funded student financial aid in the form of grants



A stylized, painterly background image. It features a building with a prominent white triangular pediment and a dark roof. The building's walls are a warm, reddish-brown color. In the foreground, there's a green lawn with a yellow path leading towards the building. Several large, smooth, purple and reddish-brown stones are scattered on the lawn. The sky is a deep, dark blue with some lighter, wispy clouds. The overall style is reminiscent of mid-20th-century modernist painting.

Cal Grant Programs

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Cal Grant A

- Low to middle income families
- Eligibility for 4 years of full-time study
 - For AA or Baccalaureate programs only
 - Extended to 5 years for mandatory fifth year programs or teaching credential programs
- 2004-05 Award Amounts (tuition and fees)
 - CSU – \$2,334
 - UC – \$5,684
 - Independent – \$8,322
 - Community College – Award held in reserve

Cal Grant B


- Students from low income families
- Eligibility for 4 years of full-time study
 - Minimum program length 1 year AA, BA or Cert.
 - Extended to 5 years for mandatory fifth year programs or teaching credential programs
- 2004-05 Award Amounts
 - Freshman year or at CC - \$1,551
 - EL 2, 3, & 4 - \$1,551 + tuition and fees (but not at a CC!)

Cal Grant C

- Low to middle income families
- Eligibility for 2 years of full-time study
 - Vocational or technical program
 - Minimum program length is 4 months
- 2004-05 Award Amounts
 - Tuition & fees - \$2,592 (no T&F paid at a CC)
 - Books & supplies - \$576



Cal Grant Selection Methods

- Entitlement
 - Students who have recently completed high school graduation requirements
 - Competitive
 - Mostly older or continuing college students
 - Transfer Entitlement
 - Students transferring from a Community College to a four-year bachelors program
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Cal Grant General Eligibility Requirements

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Cal Grant General Eligibility

- Be a California resident
 - Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
 - Registered with Selective Service
 - Attend an eligible California School
 - Not be in default on a Federal student loan
 - Not have earned a BA/BS degree
 - Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress
 - Be enrolled at least half-time
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Cal Grant General Eligibility

- Meet the filing deadlines
- Have the minimum financial need
- Meet the Income and Asset Ceilings





Cal Grant General Eligibility

- Dependent and Independent Definition
 - Same as for Federal eligibility purposes
 - Use of Professional Judgment
 - Can be used for all instances where you could use it for Federal program purposes
 - For Entitlements - At any time
 - For Competitive - Only if ISIR is updated prior to award selection
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Entitlement Cal Grants

- Awarded for 2005-06 to those who graduate high school, or achieve the equivalent, on or after July 1, 2003.
- Completion of a GED is considered the equivalent
 - This means any age student can potentially get an Entitlement award offer
 - Make sure your campus admissions persons know this

Entitlement Opportunities

- New Entitlement
 - March 2nd of high school senior year
- One Year Delay
 - March 2nd after high school graduation or the equivalent
- Transfer Entitlement
 - Prior to age 24
 - If transferring from CC to 4-year college or univ.



Competitive Cal Grants

- Open to persons of any age
- Two award selections per year
 - March 2, 2005
 - September 2, 2005 (CC students only)
- Offered based on disadvantaged criteria



Competitive Scoring

- One score for each student
 - Family Income and Household size
 - Single parent household
 - Parents education level
 - GPA
 - Access Equalizer
 - Disadvantaged high school, Continuation HS, or GED
 - Reentry students
- Award program (A or B) that is most beneficial to student is “auto-accepted”

Competitive Award Scoring

2004-2005

Family Income/Household Size 76

Parents' Educational Level 18

Student/Parent Household
marital status 18

Grade Point Average 70

Access Equalizer 18

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS:

200

Entitlement vs. Competitive

- Entitlement Cal Grant A & B for 2005-06
 - Graduated high school July 1, 2003 or later
 - Unlimited number of awards to all on-time applicants who meet eligibility criteria
- Competitive Cal Grant A & B
 - Typically go to more nontraditional students
 - 22,500 awards
 - 11,250 March 2nd deadline (all segments)
 - 11,250 Sept 2nd deadline (community colleges)

What about Cal Grant C?

- Cal Grant C Requires
 - FAFSA by March 2
 - Cal Grant C Supplement form (mailed later)
- Verified GPA optional (adds extra points)
- Minimum program length 4 months
 - Pays up to 2 years of study
- Pays up to \$2,592/yr tuition/fees and up to \$576/yr training related costs

Academic Eligibility

- Cal Grant A
 - 3.00 minimum GPA
- Cal Grant B
 - 2.00 minimum GPA
- Cal Grant Transfer Entitlement
 - 2.40 minimum Community College GPA
- GPA as certified by submitting school.

An abstract painting in a style reminiscent of Vincent van Gogh's 'Olive Trees with Yellow Sky and Sea'. It features a house with a dark roof and a white-trimmed gable, set against a background of rolling hills in shades of green, yellow, and brown. The sky is a deep blue with white clouds. The overall composition is dynamic, with strong geometric shapes and a rich color palette.

Cal Grant Financial Requirements

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Expected 2005-06 Income & Asset Ceilings

Dependent students and Independent students with dependents other than a spouse. Based on family size.

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>CG A & C</u>	<u>CG B</u>
Six or more	\$80,400	\$44,200
Five	\$74,500	\$40,900
Four	\$69,600	\$36,600
Three	\$64,000	\$32,900
Two	\$62,500	\$29,200

Expected 2005-06 Income & Asset Ceilings

**Income ceilings for independent students
without dependents other than a spouse:**

	<u>CG A & C</u>	<u>CG B</u>
Single, no dependents	\$25,500	\$25,500
Married	\$29,200	\$29,200

Cal Grant Programs Asset Ceilings:

Dependent	\$53,800	\$53,800
Independent	\$25,600	\$25,600

Minimum Cal Grant Financial Need

**Need for new Cal Grant award selection
uses this formula:**

COA - EFC – Veterans Benefits = Need

Minimum Cal Grant Financial Need

- For New awards:

- Cal Grant A

- CSU = $\$2,334 + \$1,500 = \$3,834$

- UC = $\$5,684 + \$1,500 = \$7,184$

- Private/Prop = $\$8,322 + \$1,500 = \$9,822$

- Cal Grant B = $\$700$

- Cal Grant C

- Private/Prop = $\$2,592 + \$1,500 = \$4,092$

- CC = $\$576 + \$1,500 = \$2,076$

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Cal Grant Application Process

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Applying for a Cal Grant

- Applicants must submit a FAFSA by the March 2, 2005 filing deadline.
 - 2005/06 FAFSAs cannot be submitted until January 1, 2005.
 - For CSAC to get the FAFSA, at least one school listed in FAFSA Part 6 must be in California, or the student must be a California resident.



Applying for a Cal Grant

- The students ISIR must be complete and accurate by the final drawdown of ISIRs by CSAC which is approximately March 23.
- FAFSA can be on-line or paper



Applying for a Cal Grant

- Applicants must also have a GPA certified
 - GPA can be a high school or college GPA
 - HS GPA if graduated HS after July 1, 2003
 - College GPA if completed at least 24 college units.
 - If the student has no GPA, or the GPA is over five years old, a test result can be submitted
 - SAT
 - ACT
 - GED
- GPA submission is student's responsibility.

Submitting a GPA

- Advise sending HS GPA if student will meet Entitlement criteria.
- GPAs can be sent starting in November each year.
- HS GPA can be used for all grants except Transfer Entitlement

Calculating a GPA

For associate degree granting schools:

Include only those courses that earn credit for an associate degree at the reporting institution.

For certificate issuing schools:

Include only those courses that are used in the computation of a GPA for determining admission eligibility, even if units are not transferable.

For CCs

Associate degree credit courses as defined by Title 5, Chapter 6, Article 1, Section 55002(a) of the CCR.

GPA Submission Methods

- Electronic Data File (WebGrants upload)
 - Record Layout Requirements listed in a yearly Grant Operations Memo
 - Submitted by filing deadline
- GPA Verification Form
 - Form G-4 for March 2nd
 - Form G-4.1 for Sept 2nd

Award Announcements

- New Recipients will receive CAR notification
- If not selected, and if FAFSA, GPA and Enrollment Data match, applicants will receive a letter of denial

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Recent CSAC Memos

- Operations Memos
 - GOM 2004-17 GPA Info for High Schools
 - GOM 2004-16 GPA Info for Colleges
 - GOM 2004-15 Unique ID
 - GOM 2004-14
 - 2005-06 Nine-Month Student Expense Budgets
 - 2005-06 Income and Asset Ceilings
 - College Cost Estimate
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CSAC List-Serve

- Email distribution lists for CSAC:
 - Operations Memos
 - Special Alerts
 - Policy Bulletins
- List-Serve sign-up page:
 - www.csac.ca.gov

Links → CSAC List Services → Financial Aid Professionals

- Username: students
- Password: 1SEC2001



Cal Grant Programs Manual

- **Nine Chapters Posted**
- **On the CSAC Website at:**
<http://www.csac.ca.gov/doc.asp?id=981>

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QUESTIONS?

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